

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS MEDICAL SPA REGISTRY

1. **QUESTION:** What is a medical spa?

**ANSWER:** A medical spa is any entity which offers or performs cosmetic medical services.

2. **QUESTION:** What if I am a physician who offers cosmetic medical services in my office? Is my office a medical spa?

**ANSWER:** Yes, for the purposes of Public Chapter 494, you are operating a medical spa. Public chapter 494 amended the definition of medical spa to include doctors' offices.

3. **QUESTION:** What is a cosmetic medical service?

**ANSWER:** A cosmetic medical service is any service that uses biologic or synthetic material, a chemical application, a mechanical device, or a displaced energy form of any kind that alters or damages, or is capable of altering or damaging, living tissue to improve the patient's appearance or achieve an aesthetic result. Some examples of cosmetic medical services include **but are not limited to the following:**

- Chemical peels on the face or other parts of the body;
- Laser hair removal or other means of permanent hair removal;
- Injection of dyes or permanent coloring material in the eyebrow or lip;
- Injection of botulinum toxin or similar toxin to paralyze muscle;
- Injection of collagen, autologous fat, or inert filler material into the skin or subcutaneous tissue;
- Use of penetrating energy in the form of laser light, ultraviolet light, infrared light, visible light, pulsed dose light, ultrasound waves, radio frequency wavelength or x-ray.

4. **QUESTION:** How do I register my medical spa?

**ANSWER:** The spa's medical director is responsible for submitting the registration form to the Board of Medical Examiners. The form should be mailed to:

Board of Medical Examiners  
ATTN: Medical Spa Registration  
665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243 (37228 for courier service only)

5. **QUESTION:** Is the registration form available online?

**ANSWER:** Yes, you may access the registration form online at <http://www.tn.gov/health/topic/medical-spa-registry>. You may request a paper registration form by email [TN.Health@tn.gov](mailto:TN.Health@tn.gov).

6. **QUESTION:** Is there a fee to register my medical spa?

**ANSWER:** Not at this time. The registration and renewal fees will be set by rulemaking in 2016.

7. **QUESTION:** Do I have to renew my registration?

**ANSWER:** Yes, registration must be renewed annually. An online renewal system is being developed and will be available soon.

8. **QUESTION:** What is the difference between a medical director and supervising physician?

**ANSWER:** These terms are synonymous and are used to describe the physician responsible for the provision of cosmetic medical services provided in a medical spa.

9. **QUESTION:** What are the requirements for a medical director or supervising physician?

**ANSWER:** A medical director or supervising physician must hold an active medical license under chapter 6 or 9 of title 63 and must have an active medical practice in Tennessee.